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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 - I Basis of the report
 - II Priority
 - III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV Lack of unity of invention
 - V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI Certain documents cited
 - VII Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____ the claims:pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____ the drawings:pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____ the sequence listing part of the description:pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheet _____

5.

 This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed." and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1- 6	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1- 6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1- 6	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: JP 09-39884 A (KAWASE INDUSTRY) 27 July 1995

D1 relates to a swimming device for playing and moving in the water by operating buoyant walking body shoes connected to flexible wires having mechanical propulsion, including a floating support rod with a round frame connected to a right-left fixed buoyant body for the sake of health and leisure of users.

(1) Novelty (N) and Inventive Step (IS): Claims 1 to 6

The following are comparisons between claims 1-6 and the prior art document D1:

It is easily found that the technical features of the present invention including a body section (110) with a support frame (112), a first floating section (120) with a first floating part (134) and a second floating section (150) with connecting wires (152) correspond to the technical features of D1 including a round frame (2), a floating support rod (1) with a right-left fixed buoyant body (3) and right-left fixed buoyant walking bodies (6, 7) connected to flexible wires (8). It is considered that said technical features of both inventions carry out the same functions substantially.

The technical features described in claims 2 to 6 are also considered to have the same function as a baby walker which is widely used.

Thus, it would be obvious to a person skilled in this technical field to derive the technical features of the present invention from the technical features of D1 and said baby walker, thereby arriving at the subject matter of the present invention without the special exercise of inventive skill.

Therefore, present claims 1 to 6 do not meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

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Supplemental Box
(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of:

Box V.

(2) Industrial Applicability (IA)

It is considered that the present invention is industrially applicable to a device for dabbling in water which is capable of dabbling on the surface of a river or the sea while being in a standing posture and paddling on the surface of the water while being in a sitting posture.

Therefore, claims 1 to 6 meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(4).